

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1892

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—115 per cent, sales and sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on 7.10. paid up—25 per cent. dis., sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sellers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$25, sellers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$20, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—25 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$82 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$56 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 225 per share, sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$105 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$260 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$87 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$30, sellers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—28 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—50 per cent. discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$77 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$148 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$23, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$501.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$44 per share, sellers.
The Shamoon Hotel Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
Punjoin and Sunghee Dux Samantan Mining Co.—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—30 cents per share, sales and buyers.
New Auriferous Mining Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sales and buyers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
Tongqua Coal Mining Co.—\$110 per share, sales and buyers.
The Jolebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$5.10 per share, sales and sellers.
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—5 cents per share, sales and sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—ntx nominal.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$150 per share, sellers.
Leson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35, nominal.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$155 per share, sellers.
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$60, sales and sellers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$45 per share, sales.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$105 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$68 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$51 per share, sellers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$44 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sales and sellers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$35 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T.2/8
Bank Bills, on demand2/8
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight2/9
Credits at 4 months' sight2/9
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight2/9
On PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand3/43
Credits, at 4 months' sight3/51
On INDIA :—
T. T.220 1/2
On Demand221
On SHANGHAI—
Bank, T. T.7 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight7 1/2

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Capt. Clutterbuck. Mr. and Mrs. Morel
Mrs. Clutterbuck. child and maid.
Mr. G. C. Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Paul.
Mr. W. C. Duncan. Capt. V. Perker.
Miss E. Everett. Capt. & Mrs. Phillips.
Mr. Geo. Fenwick. Mr. J. Quain.
Mr. and Mrs. Finley. Mr. H. Rosenthal.
2 children and maid. Mr. F. E. Shean.
Mr. T. B. Gilliat. Mr. J. G. Stokes.
Mr. H. Hancock. Mr. I. N. P. Stokes.
Mr. J. Hartman. Mr. C. E. Taylor.
Mr. F. H. B. Ellis. Mr. D. Thorpe.
Mr. F. Hayes & valet. Mr. J. H. Twiddy.
Mr. F. Hyass. Mr. J. H. Vellich.
Captain R. Innes. Mr. and Mrs. Warren.
Mr. T. McKean. Mr. G. M. Wynter.
Mr. Kinker.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Mr. H. Allen. Mr. F. S. Joseph.
Mr. Beattie. Mr. P. Luckner.
Mr. S. T. Benjamin. Mr. & Mrs. W. Macbean.
Mr. H. E. Boxshall. children and nurse.
Mr. Hart-Duck. Capt. D. F. MacCarthy.
Mr. E. K. Chaudler. R.N.
Rev. R. F. Cobbold. Mrs. D. F. MacCarthy
Mr. Cochran. and infant.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mr. Chas. C. Malch.
Cohen. Mrs. Van Niero
Mr. J. B. Coughtrie. Mr. A. Ross
Mr. D. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. W. J.
Mr. and Mrs. Harding. Saunders.
and child. Mr. and Mrs. J. S.
Miss C. G. Hogg. Snodell.
Miss Hogg. Mr. Taylor.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. Adamson. Mr. W. H. R. Loxley.
Mr. Chaudet. Mr. F. Maltland.
Mr. T. Cowen. Mr. W. R. Needham.
Mr. F. East. Mr. Medhurst.
Mr. W. S. Harrison. Mr. A. E. Skeels.
Mr. Thos. Howard. Mr. Sparrow.
Mr. Morton Jones. Mr. A. Thomson.
Mr. V. Kofod. Mr. Geo. L. Tomlin.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Verona*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore on the 13th instant, and is expected here to-day.
THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co.'s steamer *Bayern*, with the outward German mail, left Singapore at 3 p.m. on the 16th instant, and may be expected here on the 22nd.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco, left Yokohama on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on the 24th.
The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bilge* left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 15th instant.
THE INDIAN MAIL.
The 'Apar' line steamer *Arratoon Apar* from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 13th instant, and is due here to-day.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the morning of the 13th instant for Hongkong via Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Manmut* left Sydney on the 6th instant, and may be expected here about the 25th.
NORTHERN PACIFIC MAIL.
The Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Victoria* left Victoria, B.C., on the 17th instant for Hongkong via Japan.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thibet* left Bombay on the 9th instant, and may be expected here on the 27th.
The Navigazione Generale Italiana steamer *Bormida* left Bombay on the 15th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 5th prox.
Shipping.
ARRIVALS.
IMACOS, Norwegian bark, 575, Olsen, 17th Dec.—Amoy 15th Dec. Ballas.—Order.
ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom, 17th Dec.—Pakhol 14th Dec., and Holhow 16th, General and Rice.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, 17th Dec.—Pakhol 14th Dec. and Holhow 16th, General.—Wieler & Co.
CHUSAN, German steamer, 623, W. Wendt, 17th Dec.—Halphong 14th Dec., General.—A. J. Marty.
CHING-PING, Chinese steamer, 508, C. H. Crowle, 18th Dec.—Chefoo 13th Dec., General.—C. E. & M. Co.
CHOY-SANG, British steamer, 1,194, R. C. D. Bradley, 18th Dec.—Shanghai 15th Dec., and Swatow 15th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CITO, German steamer, 387, Brandt, 18th Dec.—Canton 18th Dec., General.—Siemssen & Co.
ZAVIRO, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, 18th Dec.—Manila 15th Dec., General.—Shewan & Co.
Ask, Danish steamer, 682, Reysbeck, 18th Dec.—Halphong 15th Dec. and Holhow 17th, Gen. estab.—A. J. Marty.

LENNOX, British steamer, 1,317, W. Ward, 19th Dec.—Mojl 11th December, Coal.—Dodwell, Carilli & Co.
EKE, British steamer, 1,309, Watson, 19th Dec.—Nagasaki 14th Dec., Coal.—Order.
ANCONA, British steamer, 1,888, W. D. Mudie, 19th Dec.—Yokohama 11th Dec., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
CHI-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Null, 19th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., and Woonung 15th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
GLUCKSBURG, German steamer, 918, P. Thomsen, 19th Dec.—Saigon 11th Dec., Rice and Paddy.—Melchers & Co.
WHAMPOA, British steamer, 999, Hutchison, 19th Dec.—Wuhu, via Chinkiang 12th Dec., and Swatow 18th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Actia, Danish steamer, for Holhow.
Alwina, German steamer, for New York.
Paoting, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Donar, German steamer, for Saigon.
Chusan, German steamer, for Halphong.
Canton, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Cito, German steamer, for Shanghai.
Kowshing, British steamer, for Amoy.
Benladi, British steamer, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 17, *Tamsul*, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 18, *Hsin-fung*, Chinese str., for Canton.
Dec. 18, *Fokien*, British steamer, for Swatow.
Dec. 18, *Swatow*, British str., for Halphong.
Dec. 18, *Hongay*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Dec. 18, *Taichong*, German str., for Swatow.
Dec. 18, *Singan*, British str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 18, *Sagan*, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.
Dec. 19, *Lokiang*, British str., for Kobe, &c.
Dec. 19, *Kowshing*, British str., for Amoy, &c.
Dec. 19, *Canton*, British str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 19, *Cito*, German steamer, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Lennox*, str., from Mojil—Mrs. and Miss Gray, Mr. Edwards and party.
Per *Chi-yuen*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—58 Chinese.
Per *Zafiro*, str., from Manila.—Mr. W. Warren, and 56 Chinese.
Per *Choyang*, str., from Shanghai, &c.—47 Chinese.
Per *Chusan*, str., from Halphong.—27 Chinese.
Per *Alwina*, str., from Pakhol, &c.—4 Chinese.
Per *Actia*, str., from Pakhol, &c.—37 Chinese.
Per *Ancona*, str., from Yokohama for Hongkong.—Mr. and Mrs. Yeln San and children, Mrs. Tun Lum and children, Mr. Ah Yet and child, and 3 Chinese. From Kobe.—Mr., Mrs. and Master Ching Woon Tong, Mr. Wong Sow Hing, 2 Chinese and child. From Nagasaki.—9 Chinese and 1 Japanese. From Yokohama.—Colombo.—Messrs. F. H. B. Ellis and J. B. Gilliat. Per *Isabella*.—Mr. L. M. Conwell. From Kobe for Calcutta.—Mr. C. H. Hill. For *Isabella*.—Mr. and Mrs. Valentine.
Per *Whampoa*, str., for Wuhu, &c.—45 Chinese.
Per *Glucksburg*, str., from Saigon.—40 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Lennox* reports that she left Mojil on the 14th instant. Had strong north-east winds and heavy sea.
The Chinese steamship *Ching-fing* reports that she left Chefoo on the 13th instant. Had strong north-east winds and fine weather.
The Chinese steamship *Chi-yuen* reports that she left Shanghai on the 10th instant, and Woonung on the 15th. Had strong monsoon and clear weather.
The Danish steamship *Actia* reports that she left Pakhol on the 14th instant, and Holhow on the 16th. Had fresh to stiff breeze from north-north-east, with heavy sea.
The German steamship *Chusan* reports that she left Halphong on the 14th instant. Had strong north-easterly winds with heavy sea and clear weather from port to port.
The British steamship *Zafiro* reports that she left Manila on the 15th instant. Had strong northerly winds increasing to a gale with high cross sea throughout the passage.
The British steamship *Whampoa* reports that she left Wuhu, via Chinkiang on the 12th inst., and Swatow on the 18th. Had strong north-easterly breezes and overcast weather.
The British steamship *Choyang* reports that she left Shanghai for Swatow on the 15th instant at 2.30 a.m., and arrived alongside Swatow wharf on the 17th at 9.30 a.m. Left again the same day for Hongkong at 5.30 p.m., and arrived alongside West point wharf at 8.10 a.m. Had moderate monsoon and sea with lovely clear weather throughout the entire passage. Weather at Shanghai bitterly cold. On the 15th passed the steamship *Catterthun* off Bonham Island, bound north.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—
For Bangkok—Per *Kong Bang* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 9.30 a.m.
For Yokohama, and San Francisco.—Per *Gaiole* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 9.30 p.m.
For Holhow and Halphong.—Per *Halphong* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 2.30 p.m.
For Holhow and Halphong.—Per *Chusan* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 2.30 p.m.
For Shanghai.—Per *Chinkiang* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 3.30 p.m.
For Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Lokiang* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 4.30 p.m.
For Swatow, Amoy, & Swatow.—Per *Hallan* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Amoy.—Per *Benlam* to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Zafiro* on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at 4.30 p.m.
For Europe, &c., India via Bombay.—Per *Formosa* on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 11 a.m.
For Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Ching-fu* on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 3.30 p.m.
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Vancouver, and Victoria, B.C.—Per *Empress of Japan* on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 11.30 a.m.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.
PANTAM, Dutch steamer, 1,457, L. von de Valk, 8th Dec.—Batavia 28th Nov., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
BRNLADI, British steamer, 2,300, J. A. Clark, 13th Dec.—Karatsu 9th Dec., Coal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
CHOW-CHOW-FOO, German steamer, 796, F. Clausen, 9th Dec.—Canton 9th Dec., General.—Melchers & Co.
CLARA, German steamer, 675, H. Inland, 30th Nov.—Canton 30th November, General.—Siemssen & Co.
DONAR, German steamer, 1,619, R. Grundmann, 11th Dec.—Saigon 6th Dec., Rice.—Wieler & Co.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British steamer, 3,001, Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., 5th Dec.—Vancouver, via Yokohama 28th Nov., Kobe 29th, and Shanghai 3rd December, General.—C. P. Railway Steamship Co.
FAME, Hongkong Government tender.
FIDELIO, German steamer, 742, Th. Nissen, 4th Dec.—Saigon 27th November, General.—Melchers & Co.
GARVIC, British steamer, 4,200, Pearne, 10th Dec.—San Francisco, via Yokohama 5th Dec., Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.
HAIPHONG, French steamer, 874, Galletti, 13th Dec.—Halphong 10th Dec., General.—Messageries Maritimes.
HAITAN, British steamer, 1,182, F. D. Goddard, 19th Dec.—Fochow 13th Dec., Amoy 14th, and Swatow 16th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
HUPFH, British steamer, 1,845, S. Quall, 17th Dec.—Amoy 15th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German steamer, 710, A. Hunderwadi, 15th Dec.—Canton 15th Dec., General.—Carlowsitz & Co.
JAVA, British steamer, 2,733, S. Bason, 15th Dec.—Singapore 8th Dec., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
KONG BENG, British steamer, 662, Jackson, 13th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec., and Anglin 6th, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
NAMO, British steamer, 863, T. Harris, 11th Dec.—Fochow 6th Dec., Amoy 8th, and Swatow 10th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.
NANKIN, Norwegian steamer, 835, N. Sorensen, 9th Dec.—Mojl 3rd Dec., Coal.—Order.
NURNBERG, German steamer, 3,207, B. Blanke, 11th Dec.—Yokohama 4th Dec., Higo 5th, and Nagasaki 7th, Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.
PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani, 11th Dec.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
POLLEX, German steamer, 893, J. Geffen, 20th Nov.—Mojl 14th Nov., Coals.—Mitsui Bishi Colliery.
TAL-VICK, German steamer, 903, N. Emke, 13th Dec.—Canton 13th Dec., General.—Meyer & Co.
TESMAN, British steamer, 2,500, W. N. Allison, 16th Dec.—Melbourne 15th Nov., Sydney 21st, and Port Darwin 6th Dec., Coal and General.—Butterfield & Swire.
VELOX, German steamer, 636, H. R. Gontard, 28th Nov.—Canton 28th Nov., General.—Wieler & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ALBANIA, British ship, 1,438, W. S. Brownell, 2nd Oct.—New York 7th May, Kerosene Oil.—Reuter, Broedelmann & Co.
ALTAIR, British bark, 339, Munro, 11th Dec.—Tientsin, Beas.—Butterfield & Swire.
DOROTHEA, German bark, 620, H. M. Morlier, 6th Nov.—Liverpool 22nd July, Coals.—Master.
ERIKOENIO, Chinese bark, 457, Optum Examination bulk, Stonecutter's Island.—Chinese Customs.
GEORGIETTA, American bark, 416, F. Kasten, 9th Dec.—Whampoa 8th Dec., General.—Wieler & Co.
HARVARD, American bark, 982, L. A. Colcord, 25th Nov.—Singapore 21st Oct., Timber.—Master.
JOHN BARZLEY, American bark, 700, F. P. Shepherd, 16th Dec.—Chefoo 8th Dec., General.—Master.
LOTHAIR, Italian bark, 718, P. Gardello, 13th Dec.—Callao 8th August, Old Iron and Brass.—D. Musso & Co.
NAM-SHUN-SHING, Chinese schooner, 300, Luk Lal-long, 24th August.—Yee-on 12th Aug. Timber.—Yung Kee.
NICOYA, British bark, 595, T. Norris, 16th Nov.—Hangkok 5th November, Timber.—Wieler & Co.
SANTA CRUZ, American schooner, 92, H. W. Banke, 29th Oct.—put back, General.—Wieler & Co.
SIGOURD, Norwegian bark, 1,512, A. Aase, 22nd Nov.—Shanghai 16th Nov., Ballast.—Order.
WM. J. ROTCH, American ship, 1,664, Geo. L. Bray, 3rd Dec.—San Francisco 13th Aug. Flour.—Fung Sang & Co.
XENIA, American bark, 1,135, L. D. Smith, 3rd Nov.—Sydney, N.S.W., 3d Sept., Coal.—Order.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Planks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS.

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.).
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" " " " " 4 " "
" " " " " 3 " "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS " " "
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [18]

INSURANCES.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY,
ESTABLISHED 1845.
INVESTED FUNDS.....£7,000,000 Stg.
ANNUAL INCOME.....£900,000 Stg.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHANGHAI:
AUGUSTUS WHITE, Esq.
F. H. BELL, Esq.
JAMES L. SCOTT, Esq.
NEIL MACLEOD, Esq., M.D., Medical Officer.
W. T. PHIPPS, Esq., Chief Agent.

AGENCIES.

Amoy—Messrs. Brown & Co.
Canton—Messrs. Rowe & Co.
Chefoo—Messrs. Cornish & Co.
Fanchow—Messrs. Philips, Philips & Co.
Hankow—Messrs. W. Forbes Sharp & Co.
Kobe—Messrs. Brown & Co.
Nagasaki—China & Japan Trading Co., Ltd.
Nanchang—Messrs. Bandel & Co.
Ningbo—Messrs. Kulkarni & Co.
Peking—Dr. Dudgeon, Medical Officer.
Singapore—Messrs. Bradley & Co.
Tientsin—Messrs. Wilson & Co.
Yokohama—Messrs. Fraser, Farley & Co.
The Standard is an old and wealthy Scottish
Office, well-known throughout India and the
East, and has acquired a marked character for
sound and liberal management.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong,
Standard Life Office.
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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000
The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.
WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [149]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).
CAPITAL, TAELS (600,000) \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO.....
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00
BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.
MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MAKING PACKS OF GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.
HEAD OFFICE, 3 & 5, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [166]

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received
instructions from the MORTGAGEE
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
WEDNESDAY,
the 28th day of December, 1892,
at 3 o'clock,
at the Premises.
THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE
LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,
Comprising—
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,
having an area of 46,840 square feet or there-
abouts and registered in the Land Office as
INLAND LOT No. 148 as the same Premises
are held for the residue of a term of 999 years
from the 8th March, 1858, subject to the pay-
ment of the CROWN RENT payable in respect
thereof, and the performance of the Crown Co-
venants to be performed in respect thereof, and
subject also to the existing Lettings and Tenan-
cies thereof, and
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,
having an area of 37,190 square feet or there-
abouts and registered in the Land Office as
INLAND LOT No. 178 as the same Premises
are held for the residue of a term of 999 years
from the 8th March, 1858, subject to the pay-
ment of the CROWN RENT payable in respect
thereof, and the performance of the Crown Co-
venants to be performed in respect thereof, and
subject also to the existing Lettings and Tenan-
cies thereof.
The Property will be Sold in One Lot.
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale
apply to
WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee,
or
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1892. [123]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDI-
NARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company,
will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the
Company, 48 and 49, Queen's Road Central, on
WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst., at 2 P.M., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the General
Managers with a Statement of Accounts for the
year ending November 30th, 1892.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to the
27th instant, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1892. [1118]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th to the
31st instant, both days inclusive.
F. W. CROSS,
Manager.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1892. [1253]

LOST.

A WHITE BULL BITCH with BROWN
PATCH on each side of head, short tail,
aged about 8 months, weight about 35 lbs.
Anyone returning the same to College Gardens
will be rewarded.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [1259]

NOTICE.

THE MARIA CHRISTINA CIGAR DEPOT,
No. 8, D'ARQUILLAR STREET, HONGKONG.

HAS received from their MANUFACTORY
in Manila some specially-made CIGARS
for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
The CIGARS from this MANUFACTORY
have obtained PRIZES at all the EXHIBI-
TIONS for excellence of Leaf and Workman-
ship.
An inspection is respectfully solicited.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [1246]

THE NORTH AUSTRALIAN BUTCHER-
ING COMPANY, SINGAPORE.

THIS Company butchers only AUSTRA-
LIAN CATTLE (200 head arrive monthly
by their Steamer "DARWIN"), and they now
supply Steamers with their sea-stocks, &c., of
AUSTRALIAN FRESH BEEF at the same
price as Native Beef.
Orders, either for carcasses or smaller
quantities, will receive immediate execution,
and may be sent through Dubashes (&c. Ships'
Compradores) or direct to any of the given
addresses.
ASK FOR AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND SEE
THAT YOU GET IT.
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phone No. 113.
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Telephone No. 184.
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25.
Singapore, 1st September, 1892. [1900]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL
of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinions
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers are in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.
Attention is called to the following advantages
to Ship's Owners and Captains, who coal their
bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—
FRESHNESS of the coal.
UNIFORMITY of quality.
FREEDOM from impurities.
Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.
Quick despatch.
BEST of weight, etc., etc.
MITSUI RUSSIAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents.
Hongkong, 4th September, 1892. [890]

TAKLEMA COLLIERIES COMPANY,
MOJI.

THIS Company having appointed the
Undersigned AGENTS for their Coal,
(TAKLEMA AKAIKI) in Hongkong, they are
prepared to supply Coal ex-Ship, ex-Godown, or
trimmed in Bunkers, at prices to be had on
application.
Copies of Reports and Analyses to be seen in
the Office of the Undersigned.
CHEE ON & Co.,
Sole Agents,
Nos. 21 & 23, Lee Yuen Street, East.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1892. [933]

SAL-PANG COALS.

THE Undersigned, begs to inform the Public
that he has appointed HOP-WO-LOONG
as Agents for the Sale of the SAL-PANG
COALS of the HONDO COAL MINES,
Japan.
KONOMI TAKASUKE,
Owner of the Hondo Coal Mines.

WE the Undersigned are ready to supply
COALS of the above Mines, weight and
quality guaranteed, in any quantity with the
quickest despatch.
HOP-WO-LOONG,
Agents for the Hondo Coal Mines,
Nos. 36 & 37, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 26th August, 1892. [855]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIP'S COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.
Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
ex S.S. "LENNOX."
MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at
Kowloon Docks, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.
For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 32, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 17th November, 1892. [173]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

NEW VOLUME OF

BOYS' Own Paper.
Girls' Own Paper.
Little Wide Awake.
Bo Peep.
Chatterbox, &c., &c.
Children's Picture Books in great variety.
Children's Toy Books, Story Books, &c., in new
and attractive covers.
New Scientific Books.
New Sets Popular Novels.
New Sets Popular Poets.
New Goods in great variety.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1892. [612]

W. POWELL & CO.

FOR
XMAS PRESENTS.

TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [15]

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated
to a comfortable temperature during winter.
SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.
An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.
N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

IMPORTERS OF CIGARS, TOBACCOS AND CIGARETTES.

Fresh supplies to hand of the following popular Brands of
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Wills' Three Castles.
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Ogden's Best Bird's Eye.
Ogden's Silver Yell.
Ogden's Navy Cut.
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Golden Eagle.
Star Mixture.
CIGARETTES.
Sweet Caporal.
Kinney's Straight Cut.
Otto de Rose.
Ogden's Yellow Plush.
Ogden's Bird's Eye.
Three Castles.
Wills' Firefly.
MANILA CIGARS.
Compania General Brands.
London.
Regalia Britannica.
Regalia Imperial.
Orientales.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1892. [6]

THE CHEAPEST
STORE IN THE COLONY.

FRENCH & ENGLISH CONFECTIONERY,
BONBONS,
TOYS, &c., &c.

AN EARLY INSPECTION INVITED.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.
Nos. 1, 3, 5, & 7, D'ARQUILLAR STREET.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1892. [527]

CHRISTMAS 1892!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received their CHRISTMAS STOCK and are now
showing a splendid collection of Articles suitable for
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
Leather Goods, Electroplated Ware, Table Flower Sts, Books, Lamps and Lamp Shades, Fitted
Dressing Bags, Jewel Cases, Decorative China and Glassware and a good assortment of
Novelties all at moderate prices.

CHILDREN'S TOYS.

Toy Books, French Dolls, Rubber and Wool Toy Magic Lanterns, American Toys, German
Toys, English Toys, French Toys. The latest Cossage, Christmas Tree Decorations, Flags and
Banners.

CONFECTIONERY.

New Season's PUDDING and DESSERT FRUITS, NUTS, FIGS, MUSCATELS, ELVES
PLUMS, CHRISTMAS CAKES and BISCUITS.

CHRISTMAS DEICACIES.

An assortment of Provisions suitable for the season. Special York Hams, Stilton and
Gorgonzola Cheese.
W. I. N. E.S.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. [1071]

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.
(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) AND AT SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

PIANOS

FOR HIRE OR MONTHLY PAYMENT HOME PRICES FOR CASH.
BUILT SPECIALLY FOR US AND GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY.
PIANO REPAIRS AND RE-BUILDING.
25 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN CHINA, AND/OR EQUAL TO THAT DONE AT
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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

CLASSICAL AND POPULAR MUSIC
An Immense Stock of Peters, Litolff, Augener and all the NEWEST SONGS (Comic and
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AMERICAN FOLIOS, PERAS, &c., &c.
BANJOS, MANDOLINES, GUITARS, ACOUSTIC CORNETS, VIOLINS,
MUSIC STANDS and STOLS, &c., &c., &c.
Illustrated Catalogue free.

Intimations.

SINGING AND PIANO LESSONS.

SIGNOR CATTANEO has RETURNED
from Europe and begs respectfully to
inform the HONGKONG community that he will
resume his SINGING and PIANO LESSONS
in a few days.
Applications to be addressed
c/o KELLY & WALSH, LD.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1892. [1199]

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Hongkong Telegraph are received on
PRINTED FORMS Signed by the Manager,
and no other Person is authorised to receive
the money. Payments made to unauthorised
Persons, or not receipted on Printed Forms
signed by the Manager, cannot be held VALID.
R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor and Proprietor,
Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1892.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY.

LADIES who have arrived in the
Colony during the current year, and
those who have changed their residences
since last publication, will oblige by
forwarding THEIR ADDRESSES for
inclusion in THE LADIES' DIREC-
TORY for 1893, as early as possible.
ADVERTISEMENTS for the
HONGKONG DIRECTORY should
be sent in at once.

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" Office,
Pedder's Hill,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1892.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS,
with Board and Table Accommodation.
Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 9th November, 1892. [1114]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,
"GLENDALE BUILDINGS,"
(Nos. 12 and 14, Wyndham Street.)
MRS. GILLANDERS has VACANCIES
for RESIDENT BOARDERS and VISITORS.
also Accommodation for TABLE BOARDERS.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1892. [1650]

USED POSTAGE
STAMPS
WANTED.

I WILL PAY CASH for USED
POSTAGE STAMPS
as follows—(these prices are per 100,
but any quantities will be accepted, no
matter how small, at the same rates).

CHINA:—
1 cand. \$ 1.00
3 & 5 cand. 1.50

HONGKONG:—
2, 4, 5 & 10 cents 0.30
6, 8, 12, 20, 24 & 30 cents 1.25
18, 48, 50 & 96 cents 4.00
1 dollar 10.00
2 & 3 dollars 15.00
5 dollars 100.00

MACAO:—
5 & 10 reis 0.50
20, 25, 40 & 50 reis 2.00
80, 100, 200 & 300 reis 5.00

PHILIPPINE:—
10, 1, 2 & 5 mills 0.25
1, 2 & 2-1/2 8th cents 0.40
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20, 25, 30, 40 & 50 cents 2.00

STRAITS:—
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 10 cents 0.50
12, 24, 25, 30, 32, 50 & 96 cents 2.00

SIAM:—
1, 2, 3, 4 & 8a. 1.00
12 & 24a. 3.00
64a. 10.00

SHANGHAI:—
any used face value

DUTCH EAST INDIES:—
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FRENCH COLONIES:—
any 0.15

NO TORN STAMPS
WANTED AT ANY
PRICE.

ALL KINDS OF
POSTAGE STAMPS
BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED.

ADDRESS:—
GEO. E. WASHBURN,
P. O. Box 2068,
SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA.

[1165]

Amusements.

WONDERFUL PANORAMA.

THE PANORAMA (consists of VIVID
ILLUMINATED SKETCHES of the
GREATEST WARS of the World and the
scenes of the late terrible Earthquake in Japan,
&c., &c.)
Will be opened from the 19th instant at 11
A.M. to 11 P.M. daily, on the Ground Floor of
No. 4, Queen's Road Central, at the entrance to
Doddell Street.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Adults 10 cents.
Children under 10 years of age 5 " "
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform 20 " "
A. NAFTALY,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1892. [1247]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.
THE H. Steamship.

"CLAMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain Davies, will be despatched as above on
or about FRIDAY, the 23rd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1892. [1115]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"
Captain Jamieson, will be despatched as above
on or about FRIDAY, the 30th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [1239]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 100 A. T. Norwegian Bark
"SIGURD,"
Assce. Master, will load here for the above Port,
and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 11th November 1892. [1124]

Consignees.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON
AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.
Optional cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M.
TO-DAY.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject
to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th
inst., or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1892. [1204]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
DUC DE MONTEBELLO
CHAMPAGNE.
\$25.00 per case, 6 Magnum (Dry).
27.00 do. ... 6 do. (Extra dry).
25.00 do. ... 12 Quarts (Dry).
25.00 do. ... 12 Quarts (do).
25.00 do. ... 12 Quarts (Extra dry).
27.00 do. ... 12 Quarts (do).

BRANDY.
\$7.50 to \$66 per case of 1 dozen quarts.
CLARETS,
\$6 to \$42 per case of 1 dozen quarts.
FRENCH BEER, WHITE WINE,
&c., &c., &c.
Price list on application.

M. S. SASSOON & Co.,
Agents for
P. MIGNARD, Esq.,
Shanghai.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1892. [1172]

THEY LEAD THEM ALL,
THE CELEBRATED
CALIFORNIA WINES,
from the well-known Vineyards of Messrs.
KOHLER and VAN BERGEM, San Francisco,
and JULIAN P. SMITH (Olivina) Livermore,
California.

Guaranteed to be Pure and Unadulterated.
Pure BLACKBERRY BRANDY and fresh
Consignments of BARTLETT SPRING
MINERAL WATER by each Steamer.
Prices forwarded on application to
MACONDRAY BROTHERS & Co.,
Commission Merchants,
No. 30, Water Street,
Yokohama, 12th August, 1892. [844]

FOR SALE.
BREAKFAST SAUSAGES, 35 cents per lb.
AUSTRALIAN CORNED BEEF
ANDERSON & OLSEN,
23, Lee Yuen Street East,
Hongkong, 5th December, 1892. [1192]

Intimations.

GINGER ALE.

WE have always made good GINGER ALE, and we are now making the best. At various exhibitions and competitions in London and elsewhere, GINGER ALE made by the formula we now use has won 31 PRIZE MEDALS and CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

In 1890 competed and won against FOUR of the most famed Belfast makers.

The Analyst's report:—

"It is of unexceptionally good quality."
"Particularly pleasant to the taste."
"Decidedly tonic and sustaining."
"In every respect most satisfactory."

ARTHUR HILL HASSAL, M.D.

The ideal temperance beverage.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.
Victoria Dispensary,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 17th October, 1892. [118]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

have just received
ex Steamers "BENLEDI" and "GANGES"
their first shipments of

XMAS CONFECTIONERY

Consisting of:—

CHOCOLATE CREMES, VANILLA PRALINES, SUGARED ALMONDS, BURNT

ALMONDS, NOUGAT, JUBUBES,

TURKISH DELIGHT,

PARISIANS,

etc., etc., etc.

DELICIOUS FRUIT JELLIES.

ASSORTED PINEAPPLE, LIME, DAMSON, GUAVA, RASPBERRY, STRAWBERRY, PLUM, &c.

CALLARD AND BOWSER'S
BUTTER SCOTCH, ALMOND ROCK, and
EVERTON TOFFEE.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES

In great variety.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, MUSCATELS,
ALMONDS AND FIGS.

FANCY BOXES.

A large and varied Assortment of
ARTISTIC DESIGNS.

XMAS CARDS.

ENGLISH, JAPANESE and CHINESE,
a splendid selection.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

A LARGE STOCK WELL ASSORTED.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1892. [4]

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1892.

FIGURES.

THE Hongkong Government has committed itself to the assertion that the Colony is more prosperous this year than ever before, as shown by the fact that the figures are larger in shipping entries and clearances, in Kowloon Lappa customs returns, in kerosene storage licences, and in the Colony's revenue. It is remarkable that the Government spokesman carefully steers clear of the one thing mentioned in Lord Knutsford's telegram sanctioning the increase of salaries—house rent; but that's another story. Mr. O'Brien stubbornly refuses to discuss house-rent or cost of living, alleging that

We must first disprove his irrelevant remarks as to figures and their lesson: Very well then. We have proved that the Commissioners of Customs, in Swatow, Shanghai, Tientsin, and other places, very distinctly indicate how figures may exhibit a phenomenal increase while facts show woeful depression. That shakes the Government platform to its base. Next we can give, if necessary, scores of proofs that the depression in Hongkong is not individual, but universal; we have given many, and more are easily to be had without the slightest difficulty or doubt. Now, therefore, having exploded the O'Brien bubble, we return to the point—house rent, and cost of living. First we may mention that all the hotels have found a fall in the cost of living, which is fair *prima facie* evidence. Next, we assert that house and land values have fallen—not in all cases as much as it was alleged they rose in 1890, for they never did rise so much except in very few instances; but what we say is that all over the colony, taking a fair average, rents are not appreciably higher than in 1889 or 1888. That is what we want Mr. FACTIOUS O'BRIEN to talk about. Not poetry, not snarls, not intolerable insults, hurled from behind the Government fence; but argument is what we want from him, if he can give us—solid sense, brought to bear on the question of house values and living expenses.

TELEGRAMS.

ADMIRAL FAIRFAX TO BE TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL.
LONDON, 17th December.
Admiral Fairfax will be tried by Court Martial for the loss of the ironclad *Houa*.

THE PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL.
Owing to his age and weak state of health the name of M. Ferdinand de Lesseps is not included in the warrant issued for the trial of the managers of the Isthmus of Panama Canal for breach of trust and fraud.

(From Tonkin Papers.)

FIRE IN TONKIN.
LAO-KAY, December 14th.
Lao-kay has been entirely destroyed by fire. Customs station, examining-room, and some of the staff quarters burnt.

MORE FIGHTING.
An encounter took place on the 14th at Bi-nol in Deo-quan. Four Europeans killed and many injured.

[The *Asiatic* states that no official information is available, either through the Governor or the General. From private sources, it appears that the leader of a band of "pirates" wrote promising to surrender in three days, in response to a summons; but his letter was by mistake translated to read "months," and was regarded as a mocking note of defiance. The French consequently attacked the band, in spite of the cries and protests of the Annamese, who were put to flight with great slaughter, after doing what they could to protect themselves.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A SCIENTIFIC genius out West has invented a "smokeless cigar."

THE departure of the steamship *Gaelic* is postponed till Wednesday, the 21st inst., at daylight.

FRATERNITY JOURNALISM.—A cabman, Mr. McSwat, of Chicago, heartily, "in their way are a little ahead of anything I've seen. You have no objections to my putting one of them in my pocket and taking it down to be offered, have you?"

"Certainly not, Billiger," replied Mr. McSwat. "I am glad they please you, dear."

"Now, then," muttered Mr. McSwat, savagely as he walked down town with his hand in his right overcoat pocket. "I'd just like to see an everlasting crooked-legged, snake-eyed dog in the next block run out and snap at me again!"

His Young Wife.—George, dear, I do wish you would get your life insured. Where would I go if you were to die?
George—And, great heavens, where would I go?

FOR the first time on record the handsome flag of the local Marine Officers' Association was waving over the Society's new and commodious rooms, Praya Central, yesterday. Long may it wave over such a useful and creditable institution!

TEN BLUSHING DAMSELS halting from that paradise of perverts angels, the Land of the Rising Sun, will have to bow before the Harbour Master to-morrow morning owing to their having stowed away on board the steamer *Bess* which arrived here from Nagasaki to-day.

THE Assault-at-Arms, which is to be repeated this evening, promises to be again an immense success. Several alterations and improvements have been made, on suggestions arising out of the first performance. The curtain will rise punctually at nine o'clock to-night, and those who wish to get good seats must go early.

THE China Navigation Co.'s steamship *Chingtao*, on her voyage from Kobe to Nagasaki, a few days ago, had (according to the *Rising Sun*) a narrow escape of running down a Japanese steamer, which, a *la Chikuma*, ran across her bows, contrary to all the "rules of the road." Fortunately she was seen just in time to prevent a collision, by the *Chingtao* going full speed astern. Had any accident happened, there is no doubt the Japanese would have been held entirely to blame.

THOUGH at this season of the year there are always a number of shows in opposition, Hamilton's Circus still maintains the even tenor of its way, and stands high in public esteem. H. E. the Governor is, we understand, to patronize the show on Friday next. To-night an entirely new bill of fare is promised, and our graceful and handsome friend Robert Love, C.M.G. (a Champion Med-Grubber) will appear as McGinnis in his great bare-back steeplechase. Go early and cheer!

THERE is a special newspaper devoted to the Baravian Exhibition which is to be held in 1893. No. 2 has already appeared.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Victoria* left Victoria, B.C., on the 17th inst. for this port, via Japan.

AMONG the most remarkable inventions at the recent paper exhibit at Berlin was a set of paper teeth made by a Luback dentist in 1878. They have been in constant use for more than thirteen years and show absolutely no wear at all.

AN Important Point.—"Did you write James Skidmore's name on this note?" said the judge to the prisoner accused of forgery. "I'd like to know, Judge," replied the latter, "if Jim Skidmore has a copyright on the letters which happen to form his name?"

"THEY've raked in a pretty tough-looking lot this morning, haven't they?" observed the stranger who had dropped in at the police court. "You are looking at the wrong gang," said the reporter to whom he had spoken. "Those are not the prisoners. Those are lawyers."

THE Smoking Concert on Saturday night was, as usual, a tremendous success. Dr. Lowe, as an irresistibly funny topical song, was of bright original bits, all artistically planned on tender spots. He knocked spots out of O'Brien. The Smoking Concert Club is now far and away the most popular institution in the colony.

THE trial of Philip Skolnikoff, a Russian convict escaped from Siberia into Northern Japan, and accused of committing robberies in the Yokohama Local Court on the 9th inst. This gentleman probably knows all about the "Shipwrecked Turks" who were charitably sent home a few months ago.

"THIS tree seems to be loaded with apples," remarked a stranger.
"Yes, sir," replied the rural miss. "Pop says 'I am glad to hear that. Are all your trees as full of apples as this one?'"
"Oh, no. Only the apple trees."

THE aged U.S.S. *Palos* is advertised for sale in northern papers. Our old friend the *Coriyo* wants a companion in distress, and we would suggest that her purchasers, whoever they really were, should send a competent marine engineer up to Nagasaki—not to report on the *Palos*, oh no—to merely keep himself posted in his profession, by taking tea with the captain.

THE new tax upon bicycles in France will be \$2. As there are about 225,000 cyclists the revenue will be about \$450,000. Cycles used for business, such as those employed by street messengers, pay half duty. Those in the army and the Government service will be exempt. The cyclists, as a rule, do not object to the tax. For the reason that they expect some special legislation in return.

"Do you ever pray for the coming of the millennium, madame?"
"Not much."
"Why not?"
"My husband is a professor in a college for the training of missionaries. When the millennium is here there will be no need of missionaries, and my husband will have no occupation."

THE Japanese authorities have framed regulations in connection with the sale of post-cards or engravings of T. I. M. the Emperor, Emperor Dowager, Empress, and Crown Prince. These are not to be hung up or arranged in any place which may be likely to cause them disrespect, nor will they be permitted to be sold in open stalls, or allowed to be depicted on fans, porcelain, lacquer work, plate goods, embroideries, hand bills, or on toys.

At the proceedings in connection with Caran's case in Yokohama on the 8th inst. the Court gave judgment to the effect that the demand of the Public Prosecutor to hand over the case to the German authorities be over-ruled, and announced that the case would be proceeded with. The Public Prosecutor thereupon objected to the case being proceeded with, and declared his intention to appeal against this decision, and the Court consequently adjourned the case until the question should be decided.

"THESE apple dumplings of yours, Isabel!" said Mr. McSwat, of Chicago, heartily, "in their way are a little ahead of anything I've seen. You have no objections to my putting one of them in my pocket and taking it down to be offered, have you?"

"Certainly not, Billiger," replied Mr. McSwat. "I am glad they please you, dear."

"Now, then," muttered Mr. McSwat, savagely as he walked down town with his hand in his right overcoat pocket. "I'd just like to see an everlasting crooked-legged, snake-eyed dog in the next block run out and snap at me again!"

It is not often that Indians create a rumour in this well-ordered Colony, but one of the "coloured fraternity," Magdooon, an Ex-Officer answering to No. 56 on the list of Optin Farmer's employees, raised ructions down Wanchai on Saturday night last. He got drunk as any noble lord in the land, smashed up the few remaining lights of furniture in the street and while measuring his staid frame in the gutter blew his whistle for all he was worth. Result: The police ran him and he was fined \$15 at the Police Court this morning, and the Magistrate expressed his opinion that the wayward Sikh should be capped to resign his E. Oship.

At the Magistrate's court this morning Mr. H. E. Woch held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death, by drowning, of a young sampan woman who fell overboard from her frail craft when in collision with the steamer *Paoting* on the 13th instant. His Worship, after a careful investigation, found that "Deh" was caused by drowning consequent upon an capsizing of the boat in which the deceased was; the said boat coming into collision with the steamer *Paoting* when attempting to cross the bows at the time the steamer was going did it did on the counter by his side while he was on a entry in his pocket book. On turning to it up his parcel he noticed that though it appeared the same in size and color, it had not the price mark of the bank upon it, and hastily opened the handkerchief he found that instead of money it contained nothing but waste-paper. The thief, whoever he was, had, it is said, attempted a handkerchief full of paper exactly the parcel of money, excepting the bank notes. The thief has not yet been caught.

A VERY clever bank thief in Yokohama a fortnight ago is recorded by the *Gaelic*. About 10 o'clock in the morning Mr. Kawatake, an official of the 4th National Bank, went to the Nippon Bank to cash a cheque. On receiving the money, \$5,000, Mr. Kawatake wrapped it in a handkerchief and carried it to his home. On returning to the bank on the counter by his side while he was on a entry in his pocket book. On turning to it up his parcel he noticed that though it appeared the same in size and color, it had not the price mark of the bank upon it, and hastily opened the handkerchief he found that instead of money it contained nothing but waste-paper. The thief, whoever he was, had, it is said, attempted a handkerchief full of paper exactly the parcel of money, excepting the bank notes. The thief has not yet been caught.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

H.M.S. *Tamar*, which has just returned home after a lengthened round of relief service, is being prepared to leave for the East Indies and China with relief and new crews for the various ships on these stations.

A PAK CHU paper announces that General Duchemin, of the Marine Infantry, is designated to replace General Rosta in Tonkin, recalled or resigned, as it is variously reported, in consequence of his disagreement with M. de Lanesan, Governor General of Indo-China.

HANDKERCHIEFS, which used to be frowned upon by the British military authorities, have now been sanctioned, and a military handkerchief has been patented on which shall be printed all sorts of information concerning the use and construction of the rifle, the flag alphabet, bugle calls and general rules for the soldier.

ABOUT a week ago, according to the *Asiatic*, a gang of 87 prisoners, when being taken into Sontay gaol, broke loose, and attacked their custodians. Nine prisoners were shot down at once, and many others were soon captured. Of these a few had been sentenced to death were summarily beheaded. There are still 34 loose.

MAILS Due:—

English (*Verona*) 20th instant
Indian (*A. Apar*) 20th "
German (*Bayern*) 21st "
Australian (*Memoria*) 21st "
Bombay (*Thilist*) 27th "
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THE trial of Mr. T. H. Box, on a charge of embezzlement and fraudulent false accounting, was to open in the British Court at Yokohama, before his Honour the Judge and a Special Jury, at 9.30 a.m. on the 14th inst. Mr. H. C. Litchfield prosecutes on behalf of the Crown. Mr. Tison being retained by Mr. Simon on the same side. Mr. J. F. Lowder defends.

THE dates for the "Sons of Neptune" Christmas entertainments have been altered, as will be seen in our advertising columns. The first appearance is on Boxing Night (26th December) and the company will repeat their performance on Wednesday (28th) and Saturday (31st). New Year's Eve. We are assured that the "Sons of Neptune" will make a most successful up for the absence of a pantomime this winter.

THE *Asiatic* of November 16th states that the Achinese are still firing on the fortifications. At one of the posts a soldier shot an Achinese fruit hawker and was about to repeat the operation with another when he was stopped. In explanation he said he thought he was doing good work. The man is supposed to be mad. At Fort Stroon a European Sergeant was seriously wounded by a hostile shot, and a private was drowned whilst bathing in the river.

WHAT is the price of an arm? A Chinaman has just had one of his assessed at 4,800 yen. It seems that he was run over by a carriage driven by a Dr. S. Hamano, in Tokyo. He used the doctor in the Tokyo Local Court for 19,750 yen, but failed to obtain damages, but on carrying his case to the Appeal Court he obtained 4,800 yen. At this proportion, says the *Yokosuka*, a Chinaman is a costly personage to maintain. If one arm is worth 4,800 yen, what is the value of his whole body? This is a nice problem for some of our mathematicians to solve.

A GENERAL idea is current that the "golden rose," presented annually by the Pope to some illustrious woman as a mark of his appreciation of her piety and purity, is a miniature blossom, such as might be worn in the hair or at the breast. This is altogether a mistake. It is a tall, substantial production, some two feet high, and worth several thousand dollars. The recipient this year, Queen Amelie of Portugal, is the eldest daughter of the Comte de Paris. She was married to Don Carlos, the heir to King of Spain, in 1868. Among the distinguished recipients of the golden rose have been Henry VIII, Mary, Queen of Scots, the Empress Maria Theresa, Queen Isabella and the Queen Regent of Spain. The original "rose" was, a single blossom of wrought gold, colored red, but subsequently the leaves have been studded with precious stones, principally emeralds and rubies. According to tradition, the Order of the Golden Rose was established in the Eleventh century.

THE Hetherington trial in Yokohama has been followed by the *Albany Law Journal*, which says, after recounting the incidents of the affair derived from the full accounts sent, "a better regard for law, the public and decency might have been expected from a Court composed of the United States Consul-General and his four Associates." The article concludes by saying—"the judgment is a disgrace to the administration of Federal criminal justice, and the Consul-General has earned the unenviable distinction of being the first judicial officer to disregard the indisputable fact of such a case. In our opinion he ought to be removed from office." This strong condemnation on the part of the *Albany Law Journal*, written beyond all local influence, and without knowledge of the parties, more than justifies (as the *Japan Herald*) what we expressed in these columns when the occurrence was fresh, but of the general fairness and correctness of which we never entertained the shadow of a doubt. The result of the Hetherington trial was a judicial scandal such as Yokohama had never before witnessed, and reflects on the Court responsible for it.

THE Admiralty issued orders on the 9th ult. for the following ships to be recommissioned at Hongkong for another term of service on the China Station:—The *Caroline*, 14, third-class cruiser, Captain W. R. Clutterbuck; the *Mercury*, 16, second-class cruiser, Captain C. J. Ballou; the *Alacrity*, 4, first-class gunboat, Commander C. H. Adair; the *Pigeon*, 4, first-class gunboat, Lieutenant-Commander G. H. Hewitt; and the *Redoubt*, 6, first-class gunboat, Lieutenant-Commander F. W. P. Freeman. New crews are to be despatched to the vessels by the troopship *Tamara*, which was to leave England at the close of last month. The *Alacrity* and the *Caroline* have already served two commissions, while the *Mercury*, *Pigeon*, and *Redoubt* have just completed their first term of service. The *Alacrity* was last recommissioned at Hongkong, at an estimated cost of £9,000, which has been allotted as follows:—*Mercury*, £5,000; *Alacrity*, £2,000; *Caroline*, £1,500; the *Redoubt*, £1,500. The *Caroline* will be recommissioned by Captain C. J. Ballou, the *Mercury* by Captain W. H. Fawkes, the *Alacrity* by Commander G. C. Callaghan, the *Pigeon* by Lieutenant-Commander H. A. Phillips, and the *Redoubt* by Lieutenant-Commander C. G. May.

THE total revenue of the charitable institutions having their headquarters in London amounted last year to £6,000,760.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Dec. 18th, are:—Europeans, 191; Chinese, 1,821; total, 2,012.

THE inquiry into the circumstances connected with the recent fire in Queen's Road West was continued at the Magistrate's office this afternoon and again adjourned until Wednesday, the 21st, at 11 a.m.

"Perhaps the deceased's business will help us to decide on an appropriate epitaph," said the tombstone sculptor.
"He was a bill collector."
"Then how would this suit: 'His work is done?'"

THE wreck of the *Chikuma-Kan* has been discovered lying at a depth of fifty fathoms '80 chord of Gogoshima and 4 miles north-east of Tsurushima lighthouse, the exact position on the chart being 132° 40' E. longitude and 33° 56' N. latitude.

THE collection of historical and other pictures on exhibition in Mr. Naftaly's panorama in Duddell Street are the most interesting specimens of the artist's skill that have ever been submitted to the public gaze in this colony. Unlike cheap panoramic views such as "the scene at Tilsit" or "the suburbs and byways of Paris, Brussels and Vienna" each picture is a work of art of high intrinsic merit and of interest to the intelligent spectator. The views of memorable battles fought in the Russo-Turkish war are realistic in the extreme, and it takes but a slight draw on one's imagination, upon seeing the "field of gore" in and around Schipka Pass, to comprehend the difficulties, experience by the ravenous Muscovites in forcing a blood-stained passage through the snow-clad heights. But astonishing as are the views of great battlefields they are totally eclipsed by the glimpses of the recent terrible earthquake in Japan and the Congress of Berlin which are alone worth double the price sum charged for admittance. To describe the panorama in detail would fill more space than we can spare at the present juncture so all we can add at present is that young and old Hongkong should avail themselves of an early opportunity to visit a show which is as instructive as it is unquestionably interesting and enjoyable. Half an hour in Naftaly's exhibition will not be wasted in any sense of the word.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Akeroyd Puisne Judge.)
December 19th.

THE "DUNMAIL" SALVAGE CASE.
Mr. Pollock, on behalf of Chu Apat and others, applied for an order to restrain Mr. Robert Fraser-Smith from interfering with salvage work on the wreck of the *Dunmail*, and also for recovery of \$245, value of lead held by him. Mr. Holmes defended.

Chu Apat said—I am a diver (after much hesitation) one of the plaintiffs in this suit. Three of us went and dived into the water and found some lead. They are divers and plaintiffs in this suit. In May this year I made the discovery; I don't remember the date. I discovered the lead myself. We had nothing to do, and we dived into the water and found the lead. The wreck I had found was a well-known wreck. I had no money and so got Cheong Kwong Li to be my partner—he had about \$100, which was enough to begin with. I knew Lui Hon Po, Cheong Kwong Li told me I could not start this work without a permit. I told him I knew Lui Hon Po. I met him in the street and asked him if he could get a permit. He said he would guarantee me a paper if I would pay \$200. I paid him \$50. He said everything I got from the ship would be my property. I got the paper from him; not on the day he said he would \$200; but sometime in the ninth moon. Hon Po asked me for \$75 but I only paid him \$50. He handed the papers to Cheong Kwong Li. I was only diver. (Papers handed and identified). I started diving operations on 4th October. We were diving for seven days and took up some copper and iron, but on October 30th and 31st we discovered lead, and we took the lead to Hungnam and landed it in a shop. By the 10th November we had about 27 bars of lead. The lead was first put in a sampan and then taken to the shop. On that day we met Lui Hon Po on a steam-launch with a European on board. The European was Mr. Fraser-Smith. They went to the wreck and wanted to take up the lead, but we stopped them. They frightened us with revolvers, went to our shop and took 27 bars of lead and about seven pieces of white paint. My master was not there at the time, but I was not willing that the lead should be taken away. Subsequently three bars of lead were taken away by the same people—Mr. Fraser-Smith, Lui Hon Po, and between them and twenty people from the King Wo Cheong shop. They took three bars of lead. Mr. Fraser-Smith frightened us with white paint; I was not willing that they should take it. I went to the King Wo Cheong and we got the paper; Hon Po belongs to that place. I didn't know where they got that from. I knew that without the paper we had no right to salvage anything from the wreck. I did not see the wreck until after I got the paper. Hon Po was the only man there was another man, Yung Kit Cheong, an accountant in the King Wo Cheong, had something to do with it, who was to settle with me. I saw Lui Hon Po first. The money was handed to the accountant, but Hon Po was present. Hon Po got the money in his own hand. I held them both responsible, as they were both present. The accountant made the writing; I handed the money to both of them. The payment was made in notes—one fifty-dollar note, Cheong Kwong Li paid the money; I did not see it. I saw the money put on the table, but I did not see anybody take it. I presume they must have got the money; I don't know as I went to get tobacco. No receipt was given for the money. What I have been talking about was what Cheong Kwong Li told me. We all three went together. I never saw Mr. Fraser-Smith until he came aboard the ship. There is a shop at Hungnam belonging to the divers; I was present when the papers were given to Cheong Kwong Li, and saw the money handed over.

His lordship:—You said just now you were not present. What do you mean?
Witness:—I saw the money paid. I saw only a *foh*. Cheong Kwong Li did not tell me to say this. I was near the table when the money was paid—about five or six feet away. Cheong Kwong Li had the note in his hand all the time; he said "produce the paper and here is the money." I do not read English nor do I know anything about English figures, and I cannot read or write Chinese. I only know it was a \$50 note. Cheong Kwong Li told me. About 160 bars of lead were recovered, and about some white lead; the white lead was taken away by the other people. About seven pieces of white lead, I think, and also some old timber and copper sheet. Cheong Kwong Li has not paid me any money; he supplies us with provisions and he is my master. He supplies food for the other two divers. I am to get with the other divers half shares with Cheong Kwong Li. We entered into a contract with King Wo Cheong. Cheong Kwong Li and three others signed it. I know what was in the contract; I did not read it, but it was read to me by somebody else. The contract was signed after the letters were obtained; Lam Kat and Lum Kow were present when the contract was present. Ma Pik To was also there. I don't know when the proceedings were taken against Mr. Fraser-Smith; I was diving. I know Cheong Kwong Li took action in his own name; I did not know an action was taken and did not authorize anybody to take any action. There is a schooner belonging to Hon Po, anchored above the wreck and also a stone junk. I do not that I am one of the plaintiffs in this suit; I know nothing about it. Cheong Kwong Li has never divided, he only went to court.

By the Court.—Cheong Kwong Li has the agreement referred to. I discovered the lead in May but did not start work until the ninth moon, because I had no permit. I got the permit from the Harbour Master, the Government, and the Insurance Company. The ship belonged to the Insurance Company; I knew it, and knew I could not work there without a permit. Cheong Kwong Li—remember defendant take away from fonghom 27 pigs of lead, and also some white stone—powder for painting. I think about seven or eight piculs. My Master knows the value; I don't know. It is used for painting ships.

By the Court.—It was not in powder, but all in lumps. The coals took them away in their hands. There were sixty or seventy lumps altogether. I don't know how many; I can only tell the weight. I know the weight by making a rough calculation. It was never weighed.

Mr. Pollock.—That is my case, my lord. At this stage the Court adjourned.

At the adjournment, it was announced that the parties had arranged to continue the work on the wreck; each separately, without further interference. The application of plaintiff to restrain defendant, and the money claim, were both therefore withdrawn.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

At a small and somewhat frigid meeting in the City Hall this evening the following resolutions were passed:—

"That it is desirable to re-establish and maintain a volunteer force in Hongkong, on the understanding that it is the wish of the Government that that force should be brought into as near touch as possible with the military force."
"That it is desirable to appoint a committee to secure recruits before 31st January next."

H. E. the Governor (who occupied the chair) asked the following gentlemen to join the committee:—
Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C.
The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart.
Mr. Col. Jerrard, D.A.A.G.
Mr. C. C. McCallum.
Mr. J. Armstrong.

Mr. Holliday asked to be excused; the others accepted. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

Full report held over until to-morrow.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

From a variety of reasons—cold weather, counter attractions, and so on—there was only the very small number of eleven competitors for the Short Range Cup on Saturday, and the shooting was rather poor. Sergeant Major Liddle, S. L., carried off the Cup and the Handicap Spoon with 61; the nearest was Mr. Watson, with 54, which was the highest net total, and won the spoon for the best net aggregate score. The details are as follows:—

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